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Message From the Editor

Greetings!

As always it was wonderful to see so many MGH SON alumnae at Homecoming. This year's event, expertly coordinated by Mary Caira and held at the MGH Institute, had a phenomenal turnout and was, as ever, a lot of fun.

I was particularly delighted by the class of 1967's rendition of the school song and the fact that Elva Proctor, class of 1937, was recognized for attending her 70th reunion. I have honored her longtime connection with the MGH NAA in my own way by putting her picture on the cover of this issue.

On a sadder note, this issue also brings news of the passing of Ruth Miriam Farrisey, on September 24, 2007, at the age of 90. Ms. Farrisey, a graduate of the MGH SON class of 1938, also graduated from Simmons College in 1950 and the Harvard School of Public Health in 1953. The legendary Ms. Farrisey was a public health nursing pioneer who revolutionized outpatient nursing care for patients with chronic disease and a major force behind the nurse practitioner movement at MGH. Her career at MGH spanned 34 years. She retired from her post as the Associate Director of Nursing in Ambulatory Care at MGH in 1984 and was inspirational to many nurses at and beyond MGH.

Please note that included in this issue is a proposed MGH NAA organizational bylaw change which, if approved by the membership, would, for cost and other practical reasons, limit the publication of the Record to once a year. The yearly single edition would be produced, like this one, in the early part of the year, and would continue to include class news and Homecoming photos. So keep your news coming, and have a happy and healthy New Year.

Marie Elena Botte '97

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MGH Institute of Health Professions, Graduate Program in Nursing Update

Margery Chisholm, RN, EdD CS, ABPP
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The Doctor of Nursing Practice degree program was approved in late April 2007, and with barely a month to recruit students for the June 1 application deadline, twenty-five students applied. Three students began classes full-time and fourteen started part-time in September 2007. Several accepted DNP students deferred admission for a later semester.

Other potential DNP students have been enrolling in individual classes as non-degree students in anticipation of next year's April 1, 2008, application deadline. It is an exciting time and the students have been outstanding.

The DNP students come from varied backgrounds ranging from nursing education, advanced practice, manager and senior leadership positions. Their contributions to nursing have included: geriatrics, urgent care, surgery, complex medical issues, rehabilitation centers, consultation with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, women's care, psychiatric nursing, visitingnursing, and home care. Several are fluent in Spanish, Russian, & Slavic languages and have worked internationally, provided consultations to US agencies and international hospitals and clinical sites.

They are an intellectually curious group, engaged in a very vigorous learning process and enjoying each other as peers and colleagues who have already made major contributions to nursing. These students are also actively engaged in helping faculty evaluate the course of study and referring other colleagues to the DNP program. They are pioneers in a new curriculum that validates the role of clinical leadership.

It is rewarding to see the development of a learning community involving the doctoral students and faculty who are co-creating a special curriculum to enhance patient care in complex systems and to foster future leadership in nursing.

The faculty just completed the review of students for admission into the newly developed Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing. More than three hundred applications were received for this program – with applications coming from as far away as California – and the faculty worked hard to assure a strong initial class that will begin study in May, 2008. This 14-month program requires intensive study and clinical time ending in a 7-week precepted experience, focusing on clinical skill and role development to prepare for entry into practice.

Four new full-time faculty were hired to start this fall 2007 to assist in new program development, and an additional four faculty will be hired during the spring 2008 semester.

While the Doctor of Nursing Practice program is well underway, final plans for implementation of the Accelerated BSN are being formulated with our clinical partners at the MGH and throughout Partners HealthCare for clinical experiences.

While the faculty is working very hard to accommodate students at three levels of nursing education, they are very excited about the challenges of bringing these two new degree opportunities to students.

As students progress through these two new programs we look forward to sharing their successes with you. The Accelerated BSN program will directly impact the nursing workforce shortage by preparing individuals to enter nursing at the bedside. The Doctor of Nursing Practice program will develop the leadership potential of nurses and will impact systems of care well into the future, assuring safe, quality and evidenced-based clinical nursing care.

SAVE THE DATE!

The next dates for Homecoming are:

CE Day: Friday September 26, 2008

MGH O'Keefe auditorium

Homecoming: Saturday, September 27, 2008

Radisson Hotel

Massachusetts General Hospital Update

The Road to Magnet Redesignation

Marianne Ditomassi, RN, Executive Director, Patient Care Services Operations

The privilege of being a Magnet hospital requires ongoing vigilance, motivation, and a commitment to provide the highest quality care to our patients and families. Remaining a Magnet hospital requires successful completion of a redesignation process every four years that consists of extensive written evidence-gathering and an on-site visit by Magnet appraisers. Thanks to the efforts of the entire organization, from clinicians, support staff, and administrators, to Magnet liaisons, champions, and ambassadors, we are well on the road to Magnet redesignation.

On October 26, 2008, we submitted our written evidence to the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Magnet Appraisal Team—the first of two phases of the Magnet journey. Over 2,600 pages of examples were submitted illustrating how we translated the 14 "Forces of Magnetism" into practice.

The 14 Forces are:

- **Quality of nursing leadership**—We are visionary leaders exemplifying advocacy and support for patients, family and staff.
- **Organizational structure**—Our organizational structures are proactive and responsive to change.
- **Management style**—Our leaders create an environment for staff participation and recognition for the uniqueness of the individual.
- **Personnel policies and programs**—Personnel policies and guidelines are created with staff involvement, and significant administrative and clinical advancement opportunities exist.
- **Professional models of care**—Our patient care delivery model is interdisciplinary and honors the individual patient, respecting choices, culture, social context and specific needs.
- **Quality of care**—Positive patient outcomes are achieved by the partnership of leadership and staff supporting quality of care as a priority.
- **Quality improvement**—We actively participate in many initiatives that improve the quality of patient care delivered within the organization.
- **Consultation and resources**—Our organization provides consultants and experts to advance practice.

- **Autonomy**—Autonomous care is built on knowledge, competence and professional expertise.
- **Community and the hospital**—The community that we serve is embedded in the mission and values of our hospital.
- **Nurses as teachers**—We incorporate teaching in all aspects of our practice.
- **Image of nursing**—We are viewed as integral to providing quality patient- and family-centered care.
- **Interdisciplinary relationships**—Mutual respect and collaboration are modeled among disciplines which create strong and positive interdisciplinary relationships.
- **Professional development**—Our organization is committed to the professional development of clinicians and support staff.

We are fortunate to have heard that our Magnet redesignation written evidence met the criteria to move onto phase two of the Magnet journey—the site visit. The three-day site visit will be conducted from February 20-22, 2008. It takes a village to achieve and sustain Magnet designation. Towards that end, we've created a unique role for our staff nurses to help communicate key information about Magnet recognition throughout the MGH community—Magnet Ambassadors.

I'd like to close with a quote from Jim Barone, RN, staff nurse and Magnet Ambassador in the Main Operating Room, "As a magnet champion during our initial Magnet journey, I had an opportunity to see the challenges and opportunities we were facing. Now, as an ambassador, staff share their stories with me in support of whatever force of Magnetism we may we working on. That's really rewarding to me."

Class News

1936

Eva M. Borrner Hardy died on December 16, 2006 at Brookhaven Assisted Living, Lexington, MA. She had been a resident at the facility for more that 20 years. Her husband, Dr. Irad B. Hardy, Jr., was a Resident at MGH when they married. Dr. Hardy died in 1993. Following her graduation from Nursing School, Eva was Head Nurse of Ward 16. Four sons and four grandchildren and one great grand son survive her.

1937

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If no news is good news, I have a lot of it, as this is the 70th Anniversary of the Class of 1937. I attended the program at The MGH Institute of Health Professions on September 28th and the "Homecoming" on September 29th. The Helen Sherwin Memorial Lecture on "State of the Art and Science of Neurosurgery at MGH" was absolutely mind boggling to this old MGH Grad. A 50th year class member presented an interesting and often humorous account of her very diverse career in nursing. It brought back many fond memories of my own. The "Homecoming" had an overflow attendance. Plans for next year are to return to the Radisson in Boston to accommodate the increasing numbers. I again was the lone representative of the Class of 1937. I received a beautiful Viva bracelet, which promises to bring smiles and pleasant memories each time it is worn. It is a very thoughtful and precious gift. I am well and keep busy. I volunteer at the Milton Hospital Gift Shop, work at the Town Hall on a senior program to reduce my real estate taxes and spend much time on my watercolors of New England scenes. I will look forward to the usual Christmas letters for more news for the Spring Record.

1938

Helen O'Brien: I was deeply saddened to hear of the death of Miss Farrisey. It was she who sparked my interest in Public Health and her teachings propelled me toward a wonderful lifetime career in that field. Both she and her sister were on the faculty of the Harvard School of Public Health, and MGH was fortunate that she taught at our School of Nursing. I saw her every time I attended our homecomings, and we had wonderful and very sweet visits. She served on the Board of Directors of the Boston Visiting Nurse Association, Inc. from the earliest days of its existence as an inner city charitable organization—through its long period of huge expansion in geographic area served—and in its great expansion in the sophistication and complexity of services offered to meet community health care needs.

Miss Farrisey (and her sister) were widely known and respected in Public Health academic circles. Of special note was her work, with John D. Thompson RN, MPH of Yale (my mentor), in the establishment of the Hospice of Branford, CT. It was based on the English model of care for the terminally ill and the first such facility in the U.S. I took their model a step further and established the very first home-based

Hospice program in this country. We, as her students in the 1950s, have memories of her class field trips. We all walked to Haymarket Square where we purchased unrefrigerated cream puffs. Later, at the MGH labs, we identified all of the harmful bacteria they contained. Remember the visits to the Chinatown child care centers? And, most impressive perhaps, were the visits to the city STD clinics. Really fun were our walks to the Charles River, test tubes in hand, to acquire samples of the river water for lab analysis. For me, her teachings tied all of the components of the health care system together. I am forever grateful to Miss Farrisey.

Jeanette Ives Erickson: MGH nursing, the Alumni Association and all of nursing lost a great visionary and leader. Jeanette Ives Erickson, RN Senior Vice President for Patient Care and CNO Massachusetts General Hospital.

1947 September

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14 Alumnae of the class of 1947 celebrated our 60th Anniversary at the September 29th Homecoming. It was a great joy to work on our 60th and chat with or see so many of our 1947 classmates! Small in number, but large in fun and happiness in attending! We presented the MGH Alumnae Association Office a Class Gift.

Following are notes from the nurses who attended the reunion:

Dorothy Perry Curran: After leaving MGH in 1951 when my husband transferred to New Jersey, between arrivals of our 6 children, I worked part-time nights at

Front: Marjorie Kenney Lewis, Annia Lowe Giger, Esther Reade Henning, Barbara Watson Brewer, Mary Wallace Anderson, Ann Walsh Hinman. **Back:** Roberta Graney Collins, Audrey Hovercamp Wohl, Louise Karandy, Wilma Lyons Lakowsky, Carole McGinley Gillingham, Sibyl Magiera Tarbell, Barbara Murdock Sinclair, Elizabeth O'Leary, Marilyn Rosseti Morley, Dawn Carole Stentstrom, Shirley Sutherland Webber, Mildred Fontress Thornton, Rosalie Sonia Waskiewicz

many small hospitals and nursing homes in NJ and NY and NH until 1973, when we returned to our beloved Boston area where I worked part-time until 1991 when we moved to Florida. In 1997, I enjoyed hosting 13 classmates who wintered in Florida at a "Home Mini-Reunion". After my husband's death in 2003, I decided to come back "home" to the north shore where we had so many friends and two of my children live.

Dorothy Mottram Martell: Lives seasonally in NH and Florida and works home cases when available. Raised 6 children. Hobbies are canning, quilting, tatting, crochet, knitting, sewing, gardening and making dolls. A very talented gal!!

Janet Burdett Flaherty: After working at Boston College, enjoys bridge, exercise and traveling.

Marjorie Kenny Lewis: In retirement, volunteers at the historical society and helps at library with reading with 1st graders.

Mary Wallace Anderson: After graduation worked as Head Nurse on Baker 4. Following marriage in 1948 worked at Quincy City Hospital in Pediatrics. Following birth of my 2 girls and 2 boys, I worked at South Shore Hospital for 14 years in Medical, Surgical and Ortho Departments. Also volunteered for American Red Cross working at several blood banks. Present family consists of husband—Reuben, 4 children, 6 grandchildren (one deceased) and 4 great grandchildren. Enjoy playing cards, restaurants and travel.

Helen Tiskevich Chernek: Now lives in Florida year round. Retired for some years due to spine and knee problems. Keeps up with MGH news through MA Classmates.

Roberta Tebbetts Dawson: Now lives in Maine. Would have loved to attended, but lost her husband of 57 years in May and still pulling her life together.

Marcia Jones Barkey: Commutes seasonally between Maine and Ohio. Since retiring from city government has been caring for her husband.

Edna Giesecke Bartel: Shares time in New Hampshire and Florida. Traveling is more difficult of due to knee problems and other chronic problems.

Phyllis Hussey Stoecker: On continuous oxygen and could not make the New England trip from New Mexico this year. After her Army Nurse career and marriage to an Army officer, they raised 9 children—several have followed in the medical field and Army careers. She proudly boasts of 16 grandchildren and 5 greats!!!!

Miriam Wiggins Sooley: Lives in Waleska, Georgia. Retired 3 years ago when she moved from Florida. Planned to attend our 60th, but a surgical procedure prevented the trip. We hope she will do well and make a Boston visit in the future.

Ann Walsh Hinman: While bringing up 3 children, she completed requirements for both bachelors and masters degrees in health education at Boston University. After moving to NH she taught classes at New Hampshire College part-time. In Laconia she was involved with community health and hospice. She was a volunteer and volunteer coordinator for hospice for 25 years. She writes: "My most gratifying experience presently retired, twice widowed, and living in Plymouth, NH with my two surviving children and 3 grandchildren nearby. I keep active with community outreach and courses at Plymouth State University."

Anita Humphrey Kester: Worked as IV therapist from 1947-1963; float nurse at MGH from 1963-1969; Research clinician from 1969-1976. In 1969 she received a B.S. in Business Administration. Worked at Blue Cross/ Blue Shield from 1976-1988. Retired in 1988 and was widowed in 1991. Presently resides at Brooksby Village in Peabody, Ma, where she enjoys photography, gardening and traveling. She also enjoys her visits with her 2 children and 5 grandchildren.

Phyllis Morgan Goggins: Had planned to attend the 60th, but a recent move back to Florida changed her plans.

Yvonne Withers Ogelvie: After my 3 children were all in school I went back to nursing. I retired after being an Attleboro School Nurse for 16 years. We have been enjoying our retirement: traveling, golfing, skiing and especially spending quality time with our 7 grandchildren (ages 1 1/2 to 18 years old). We spend winters on the Isle of Palms in South Carolina and summers her in New England.

Barbara Hale Grant: After completing anesthesia course at MGH she worked as a registered nurse anesthetist for forty-years. She reports she "still wakes up dreaming, we are doing a total hip or knee."

Alyce Whitehead Delitta: Has been busy caring for family and husband. Andrew is due to have cataract surgery. Also, watching 2 girls kept her busy through the years.

Barbara Watson Brewer: After graduation was Assistant Head Nurse on White 10. From 1949-1951—Assistant Head Nurse on Skin/VD Clinic at BCH. Gave birth to 2 sons in 1951 and 1953 and wanting to be close the sons was teaching assistant at local nursery school from 1956-1978. 1978-1998 worked at local doctor's office, doing everything!!!! 1998 retired and now she has hobbies that include singing in a chorus, acting in amateur theatre, skiing and regular exercise group. She also enjoys and exhibit photography. 1975-2002 she traveles yearly to Europe doing slide shows for local organizations. Through the years **Barbara** has attended many of our MGH Reunions.

Annia Lowe Giger: After graduation in 1947 worked on the old wards 10 and 2 (then it was Pediatrics). Went to Children's Hospital in Boston, Ma. In 1955 she remembers vividly the polio epidemic and working around her husband's schedule. She worked as a private duty nurse for 3 children. She also worked part-time at Boston City Hospital. In 1990 she retired after working as a night supervisor at Long Island Hospital.

Sorry to report that we received notice that Evelyn Glines Sherman is deceased. We could not locate Dorothy Ghisellini.

Fourteen MGH Alumnae Attended their 50th Anniversary Reunion: Shirley Bayliss Donnelly, Shirley Boynton Cotter, Annia Lowe Giger, Yvonne Withers Ogelvie, Esther Reade Henning, Anita Humphrey Kester, Janet Burdett Flaherty, Barbara Wattson Brewer, Dorothy Mottram Martel, Mary Wallace Anderson, Marjorie Kenny Lewis, Charlotte Poole Dawson, Ann Walsh Hinman, Dorothy Perry Curran.

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1949 February

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Margaret Connors Bernier is still in the nursing home, however, she is able to go home for the holidays. Her children and grandchildren are all well, but her sister is losing her sight due to macular degeneration. She likes to keep in touch through the class notes. **Phyllis Haydon McClain** wrote that this year has been a busy one for her. In May, she traveled to Atlanta to be with her daughter, Pam, who had successful rotator cuff surgery. In June, she went to California to attend her granddaughter, Sarah's, graduation from Massage Therapy School. On graduation day, Sarah was notified that her father had died. Fortunately, **Phyllis** was there to assist Sarah with all the necessary arrangements. In September, Phyllis was supposed to have cataract surgery, which had to be postponed because her blood pressure was too high. It will be rescheduled as soon as it is under control. She still works at the library, and loves it. **Shirley Gordon Keller** turned 80 on September 15th, and her children and grandchildren made a "big fuss about it" which she thoroughly enjoyed. This past summer, she and Dick grew tomatoes, pole beans, concord and Niagara grapes. Keeping their garden watered was a problem, since very little rain fell in their vicinity. But overall, the weather at the Cape was wonderful for the multitude of vacationers. They are still heavily involved in church activities and will be assisting with the annual "Holly Fair" which will be held in the near future. She and Dick send everyone their love and prayers. **Rose Harriet Jacobs Hopkins** has two grandchildren who recently married, one in April and the other in July. Another grandchild attends the Massachusetts College of Art, and the fourth one is a senior in high school. Stewart fell while on his roller blades the day after the wedding in July. He had a pin placed in his hip and a rod in his femur. He's using a cane and doing very well. Between his blindness and broken hip, this summer was very difficult. Their daughters were able to take them to the lake for one overnight, however. **Podee** wrote, "It was such a treat." She loves thinking about the old days and, sends her regards to all classmates. **Dorothy Curtis Flaherty** wrote that her grandchildren are back in school. Shannon, who is now six, is in first grade and loves it. Dennis will be 18 next month, and will graduate in June. He is still living with Kevin's family. **Dot's** oldest son, Patrick is still coping with diabetes, which he has had for 30 years. Brian is still living in the state of Washington where he works for Boeing. **Dot** spent two weeks visiting him in July, and the weather was perfect. **Dot** keeps in touch with **Jean Chiron** and **Catherine Hrycay Howard,** and she stated both of them are well. She is doing O.K. **Nancy DiMattia Sannella** is feeling fairly well, and is kept busy with her family. Her 14th grandchild, a girl, was born to her daughter Susan in July. Her name is Maria Bridget. She is named after both her grandmothers. Susan now has 2

Elizabeth Whitney Gray, Phyllis Harvey Smith

girls and 2 boys. **Nancy** will also become a great grandmother for the first time in the next 2 weeks. Her oldest granddaughter is expecting a baby boy, and the family is very excited. **Clara Skowyra Sellon** took a trip to New York and Connecticut with her sister Terry, to visit relatives and friends. They had an enjoyable time. On their way home, they stopped by to see **Dot Flaherty. Terry** went to Poland in May with her daughter and a niece.

Clara wrote that her health is pretty good and so is Charlie's. She had her 80th birthday on September 15th, and feels blessed to have had all those years! **Barbara Roser Manoni** wrote that she has been well-the latest adventure was an excision of a benign papilloma of the breast which was easily tolerated. She made the comment that, interestingly, most of her doctors are women. Her favorite pastime, without equal, is playing bridge with good friends who feel the same way. She reminisced about playing "bridge" while at McLean. Reading is also another favorite, as well as playing "Upwards" and "Scrabble" with her sister Nancy. All these activities leave her little time for exercise. What she really has grown to dislike is the planning and preparation of meals. Consequently, they eat out a lot. Larry is pretty well. He looks good, and the tumor in his lung remains unchanged, and has not spread elsewhere. In spite of an annoying cough and limited energy, he is able to accomplish what he needs to. He is happily back teaching math and statistics at Central Connecticut State University, 15 minutes away, 2 classes a week. He misses bowling and golf, so he doesn't get much exercise except for the walk on campus. Their children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren are all well and getting educated. There will be 2 or 3 in college every year for a while. Patricia, their youngest child, remarried in July. The newly weds spent their honeymoon in Hawaii, and are very happy with their merged families. **Barbara** has been sorting memorabilia from MGH (being a real saver). She has so many fond memories of those happy days and years. **Sylvia Anderson Bridges** said that she and Gordon have been doing well. Their great granddaughter is 15 months old now, and is a real charmer. **Sylvia** extends her best wishes to all the class. **Beatrice Comstock Paquin** had a bout of illness last spring and ended up in the hospital with a diagnosis of "that nasty little bug that's going around". She's doing just fine now. She still works at the library and completely enjoys it. She can't believe she'll be 80 her next birthday in January, and is grateful for all those years. **Dorothy Iwanicki** drove to Florida with her sister in August for a mini family reunion there. Fortunately, the weather was perfect for us, and the trip was successful. I'm still doing the same old things to try to keep myself well, even though it can be difficult at times. It is always so good to hear from so many of you, and I'm looking forward to the next time. Until then, best wishes to all, and have a wonderful holiday season.

1949 September

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I received a letter from **Blanche (Lou) Coullard** saying that **"Kitty" Brennan** passed away this summer following a long battle with breast cancer. **Kitty** went on to Medical School after graduating from Mass General and was highly respected physician in the Worcester area. She was loved by her many patients. I kept in touch with **Kitty** and she always said her closest connections were with her MGH classmates. Lou continues to experience back problems but is otherwise doing well. **Ruth Stronack Hinshaw Henshaw** called recently. She and Bob are well, they

Helen Plata Grabowski, Lucy Rich Keohan

didn't go to Nova Scotia this past summer and are a bit concerned because the Senior Community they live in may be sold and new ownership may bring changes. **Jackie Auger Brown** wrote at the beginning of the summer that she is well and keeping active. I attended Homecoming in September with my daughter, **Ann Zaia,** also an MGH Grad and learned that **Ruth Farrisey,** who was leader of the Clinics when I was there had passed away. She was a remarkable woman. **Mary Wallace** was at Homecoming and sends her regards. Please keep in touch. A Happy and Healthy Winter to All.

1950 September

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Marion Kelleher Evans called me with the sad news that **J.B. Stocks Moore's** husband, Bill, passed away. I'm sure you'll join me in sending **J.B.** our condolences. Marion fell over a hassock while visiting one of her children and was quite injured, but is better now. I got a nice message from Peter Doherty, **Doris Sears Bates'** son, expressing his gratitude for my mentioning some of her accomplishments in the last "Record". A few of our class held a "mini reunion" for our "55th". **Ginny Pierobello Sabin, Eunice Randall Stolicki and Hilda Nelson Feneley** attended Friday's tour of the new OR's. I joined them Friday evening at the Commodore Hotel and dinner. Saturday there was coffee and demonstration with a couple of the Nursing students working on a virtual patient with role-playing. The patient's diagnosis could be changed, along with various treatments, injections, tests, injections, etc. There was a microphone system where the words seemed to be coming right from the patient! **Eleanor Lynch** joined us for the luncheon, thanks to her niece who helped her navigate. We had a chance to speak with **Natalie**

Petzold, who has problems with her knees. It's amazing that she looks just the same age as when we were in her classes! **Mary Sargent Mackin's** Christmas card said she's truly enjoying the geriatric years, despite sciatica and husband, Ed's fainting spells! **Olga Sadottti Aasen's** husband is having a heavy exercise regimen, post stroke. **Olga** manages to sing in 2 different church choirs. Music keeps her sane, she says. **Dodie Stone Bergeron** and brother went to Padre Island, Texas again which they like more than Florida. **Joan McCarthy Peterson** wrote that **Nat Quick Meaney** had a knee replacement. **Mac** will need one eventually, but had 3 injections and arthroscopy and doing OK. **Nat** developed atrial fibrillation and has to wear a 24-hour heart monitor to see what's what. **Mary Ford** wrote that she and **Fred** had lunch with **Alice Adams Southworth** and husband, Bob, a physician who recently retired, but covers occasionally for physician friends. **Mary** also had lunch with **Mary Carlson Campion** and Bob, who are doing quite well. She also heard from **Ruth Fearnley Skoniezny,** who meets with **Helen Jaswinski Galvin** for lunch once a month, Bristol, Ct. She also heard from **Ginny Courant Haywood.** They live in Beaufort, N.C. Speaking of knees, an MRI, disclosed torn meniscus, cartilage, etc. My doctor says I'll have to have a replacement eventually, but I'm hoping to make it out of here before that, which I nearly did in September! I had been having headaches for about a week, which is most unusual for me, but I'd take 2 Tylenol and carry on. One day about 7 weeks ago, it was excruciating in addition to a stiff neck. I went to the walk-in clinic where my daughter, Betsy, is a nurse. The doctor immediately sent me to the ER where I was admitted to ICU, with a temp of 105. I have no memory of the first 2 days in the ICU. I spent the next 10 days at Cape Cod Hospital and RHCI Rehab Hospital for another week learning how to walk without a walker, wheelchair or holding on to someone. The VNA came 3x weekly at home for 2 weeks. Seems I had viral encephalitis, unknown etiology. I played golf for the first time since my illness and my game was no worse than usual! At least I was on top of the grass and not under it!

Front: Dianne Johnston Israel, Joan McMahon, Nancy Rahill McDonough, Anne Sullivan Mescall, Mary Morgan Noonan, Ann Maclean Plunkett
Back: Mary-Lou Jones Brown, Lucy Achin Maslen, Anne Halloran Campbell, Celine Maciel Hill, Dorothy Lucius Kozloski, Margery Sprague Dreselly, Edie Lind Knowlton

1952 September

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1955 March

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Patricia Walker Vining writes: Hi all! Had a nice visit with **Jane Riddell Peppard.** She was on tour with a group from Texas. We have been talking all season about the Red Sox but were not able to get to see them as they were all sold out!! We met for lunch with her group at a place in Quincy. **Barbara Brown Dorherty** was able to join us. I called several of the locals but they couldn't come. **Anne Hickey Braveman** was not up to it, but she is doing well. **Mary Ellen Wynn O'Hara** also was not able to attend, but we chatted. **Marge Hinckley Whipple** writes: After living in several states I retired about eight years ago with my husband David to Maine where we built a house in the mid-coast area (about ten miles from LL Bean). I had successful major back surgery at Brigham and Women's Hospital in 2002. I volunteer regularly at the Red Cross and a soup kitchen and when needed at several other organizations. Dave and I plan two trips a year when possible and we just got back from a wonderful visit to Greece. I keep in touch with **Jane Ridell Peppard, Margaret Lamb Hunt** and **Charlene Kiley McAllister.** Also had a nice visit with **Margaret Dunn Russell** last fall. I would enjoy seeing anyone who comes to Maine.

1956 September

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1957 (50th Year Reunion)

Judy Auchterlonie Pinkney: Worked at MGH for 5+ years, and then part-time at a local hospital, nursing home and later went to Merrimack College. Retired in 1994. Married Dave, 4 children, 7 grandchildren and lives in Andover, MA.

Floor: Emily Whitlock Moore, Cynthia Locke Day, Catherin Shriver Scott, Patricia Norwood Pevey, Nancy Lyons Wechsler, Eleanor M Morad, Barbara Sherman Clark, Geraldine Demello Frates **Front:** Barbara Farrell Harrigan, Emogene Libby Hobbs, Janice Oberacker, Jean Mathers McCathern, Margery Howe Eramo, Barbara Crotty Donnelly, Helen Durkin Twomey, Nancy Gearin Pecorella, Carole Smith Lees **Back:** Barbara Moran Clancy, Levia Lugaresi, Marion Clark Bowers, Jo Fredella Gagnon, Judy Auchterlonie Pinkney, Midge Corbin Cooley, Margaret Quinn Almandinger, Mary Walsh Ross, Judy Merrill Picariello, Anne Stadel Burke, Pauline Kurgan White, Caolyn Calabro Mulholland, Priscilla Dudley Hirschy, Martha Decosta Noyes, Joan Waite Corbett, Ellen Todd Cooper

Carolyn Calabro Mulholland: Worked as a PHN in CT, the VNA in MD, as a camp nurse and a school nurse for 23 yrs. Divorced, 4 children (2 recently deceased), 4 grandchildren and now a "nanny-on-wheels" living in Rockaway Point, NY.

Marion Clark Bowers: Worked as a staff RN, head nurse and supervisor at MGH for 15 yrs., then as a nurse practitioner in urology. Now works as a town health officer and volunteers for Hospice. Married to Pete for 50 yrs., 2 daughters, 5 grandchildren and lives in Freedom, ME.

Maureen (Midge) Corbin Cooley: Worked as a school nurse and teacher in Germany, retired in '94. Had a 2nd career in real estate. Married to Bill for 32 years (recently widowed), 2 daughters, 2 stepdaughters and lives on Dataw Island, SC.

Geraldine DeMello Frates: Obtained a BSN from BC. Started a construction company and was in business management for 30 yrs. Married Bill in 1958, 7 children. Remembered **Ruth Sleeper** for the "great and gracious lady" she was. Lives in Acushnet, MA.

Barbara Crotty Donnelly: Mother of 6, Grandma of 12, and Great Grandma of 5. Retired for 5 yrs. Loves gardening and crossword puzzles in Marlborough, MA.

Martha DeCoster Noyes: Married to Peter for 50 yrs., 3 sons, 1 daughter and 10 grandchildren. Lives in Marshfield, MA.

Priscilla Dudley Hirschy: Worked in OB and as an office nurse while moving often as a Navy wife. Married to Hank for 50 yrs., 3 children, 4 grandchildren and lives in Beaufort, NC.

Helen Durkin Twomey: Did pediatrics at MGH for 4 yrs, then on to Philadelphia, PA at Children's for 2 yrs. After a 14 yr hiatus for child rearing, she worked with handicapped children and retarded and emotionally disturbed clients in home and school settings. Retired in 1997 and lives in Newburyport, MA.

Jean Elliot Nobbe: Worked in San Francisco VNA and Berkeley Health Department. Obtained MSN and now teaches natural sciences and bible studies. Married, 3 daughters, 6 grandchildren and lives in Walnut Creek, CA.

Barbara Farrell Harrigan: Worked at MGH for 5 yrs. Married in 1960, 4 children and 4+ grandchildren. Now a Master Gardener at the Chicago Botanical Garden and lives in Mundelein, IL.

Jo Fredella Gagnon: Worked 5 yrs. on Vincent 2 and part-time in several settings until she retired 8 yrs. ago. Married to Don, 2 children, 4 grandchildren and lives in Methuen, MA.

Nancy Gearin Pecorella: Worked in cancer treatment—radiation therapy for 20 yrs. Certified oncology nurse with a BS. Married 49 yrs., 2 children and lives in Ogden, UT.

Joyce Green LaPlante: Worked as a nurse's aide, married to Albert for 50 yrs., 4 sons, 5 grandchildren and lives in Wallingford, VT.

Margery Howe Eramo: Stayed at MGH for 1 yr, left and came back for 3 yrs in OPD. Became a supervisor at Faulkner and DON of a LTCF. Worked at MA. Dept. of Public Health for 24 yrs as inspector and administrator. Obtained certificate in Health Ministry and Parish Nursing and is now a Faith Community Nurse in Westwood. Divorced, 2 children, 4 grandchildren. Has been treasurer of MGHNAA for 5 yrs and lives in Plymouth, MA.

Nancy Kirkpatrick O'Brien: Worked 1 yr, at MGH and moved often with Bill (now divorced). Became involved with city government and was first woman mayor in Charlottesville. Has a Masters in Public Administration and headed up a regional planning agency for 17 yrs. Lives in Charlottesville, VA.

Pauline Kurgan White: Worked on Vincent 2 for a yr., private duty at MGH and part-time at Faulkner. After 14 yrs., returned as staff RN in Needham. Married J. Daniel in 1957, 5 children, 5 grandchildren. Volunteers, travels and lives in Cataumet, MA. and Naples, FL.

Emogene Libby Hobbs: Had varied nursing positions in occupational health and ran a free public health clinic at her church, now volunteers. Married, 3 daughters, 4 grandchildren, 1 great grandchild and lives in Hudson, FL.
Cynthia Locke Day: Worked as a private scrub at Brigham, did Christian Studies, became a V.P. of nursing services in a corporation, DON Meadowbrook Lodge and established rehab criteria for Veterans long-term care and psych for 30 yrs., taught in colleges and is now a weekend supervisor in assisted living. Paints and mentors women in recovery. Married, 3 children and lives in Nashua, N.H.

Levia Lugaresi: Was a T.A. at MGH for 1 yr., obtained her BS and Masters in Health Science and taught Vocational Nursing. Was a caregiver for her mother with help from MGH classmates. Lives in San Diego, CA.

Nancy Lyons Weschler: Graduated from Simmons 1959. Worked on B3 for 2 yrs as assistant head nurse. Obtained a Masters from B.U. in 1963 and taught there until retirement in 1984. Cared for ill and aging parents. Married Al in 1961, 3 children, 8 grandchildren. Lives in Winchester, MA.

Jean Mathers McCathern: Has worked at North Shore Medical Center since 1958 - 20 yrs in ICU, 20+yrs in PACU and presently at SGC. Widowed since 1986, 3 children (remember our first class baby) .8 grandchildren (she delivered a granddaughter at her home) and still lives in Swampscott, MA.

Joan Meade McGrath: Worked 40 yrs—20 yrs in Waltham ER, 5 yrs at VNA and then as float RN at Metro West Medical Center. Married, 3 children, 7 grandchildren and lives in Ashland, MA.

Judith Merrill Picariello: Set off to "see the world" with **Carol Brown** and returned to Boston to work in the OR, as a school nurse and as assistant to a plastic surgeon for the last 15 yrs. Married to Andy, 2 daughters, 2 grandchildren. Travels and lives on Cape Cod in Marstons Mills, MA.

Eleanor Morad: Obtained BSN in 1972, MSN in 1975, and PhD in Ed. in 1987. Taught nursing and also retired as a colonel in US Army Nurse Corps after 21 yrs. Now a clinical specialist in psych and mental health, working part-time in a community health center. Divorced, 2 sons, 2 grandchildren. Lives in Vineyard Haven, MA and in Florida in the winter.

Barbara Moran Clancy: Worked on B2 for 2 yrs and 32 yrs as a private duty RN. Also worked for the VNA and as a school nurse. Married in 1958, 4 children and lives in Brookfield, MA

Patricia Norwood Pevey: Worked on B5 for 1 yr, obtained BSN and Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Certificate and then worked for Kaiser-Permanente as a CPNP in urgent care, semi-retiring in 2000. Married Lyman in 1959, 3 children, 3 granddaughters. Lives in Easton, MD (winters) and Bridgton, ME.(summers).

Janice Oberacker: Worked and taught at community health agencies and colleges, was President/CEO at numerous VNAs and had her own consulting business. Now enjoys art photography and golf. Lives in York, ME.

Carol Penrod Nadeau: Retired after 35 yrs in Administration Management Team position as Director of Quality and Risk Management at the Central Vermont Medical Center. Now enjoys woodworking and painting with her husband in Barre, VT.

Alice Potts Wallis: Worked for Public Health, VNA and as a school nurse for 18 yrs. Volunteers now, married to George, 3 children and lives in Freeport, ME.

Barbara Sherman Clark: Worked as part-time staff RN for 12 yrs, then became RN anesthetist. Taught anesthesia for RNs and obtained Masters in Adult Ed. while providing clinical anesthesia. Married, 4 children, 7 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild. Lives in Auburn, ME.

Catherine Shriver Scott: Worked part-time at MGH, BLI, and now at McLean. Volunteers, dances, travels and lives in Sanford, ME. Married to George, 4 children and 7 grandchildren.

Carol Smith Lees: Worked part-time in local hospitals while raising 4 children, now 11 grandchildren. Obtained BSN, MA in Health Care and MSN. Worked in Wentham Developmental Center in QA, and then as ADON for 22 yrs.

Elizabeth Swisler Hale: Worked for San Francisco VNA and 27 yrs for Santa Clara VNA. Married, 2 daughters, 3 grandchildren and lives in Sunnyvale, CA.

Ellen Todd Cooper: Worked in a psychiatric ER as clinical nurse specialist with a BS and MS in psych nursing. Still works with mental health organizations. Divorced, 3 children, 2 granddaughters and lives in Snyder, NY and Florida.

Joan Waite Corbett: Worked part-time float RN at MGH for 2 yrs and various hospitals in California and Colorado. Helped start Hospice of Marin in 1974. Married Larry in 1957, 3 children (1 deceased), 4 grandchildren. Lives in Portland, OR (summers) and Palm Desert, CA (winters).

Mary Walsh Ross: Worked at MGH/BC, completed BSN, then MSN and worked again at MGH in Cont. Care and Case Management. She then completed post-grad certificate as primary care nurse practitioner at the MGH Institute of Health Professions while working days at MGH. Married Charlie in 1958, 2 children, 4 grandchildren and lives in Natick, MA.

Emily Whitlock Moore: Worked on White 9 rehab (learning patience). Married for 40 yrs(now widowed), 3 children and grandchildren. Volunteers a lot and lives in Fincastle, VA.

Helen Durkin Twomey: Worked in Pedi at MGH for 4 years, then on to Philadelphia, PA at Children's for 2 years. After a 14-year hiatus for child rearing, she worked with handicapped, mentally retarded and emotionally disturbed children in home and school settings. She retired in 1997 and lives in Newburyport, MA. Full bios can be obtained from Pat Pevey at pat.pevey@hotmail.com

The family of Marnie Oberbeck Connors thanks her classmates for the donation to the Scleraderma Foundation in Marnie's memory.

Front: Margaret Anderson ,Elaine Battles Paquette, Alice Boyco, Janet Conway Coffin, Barbara Cooper, Rita Debonis, Patricia Dionne Leblanc, Jane Robinson Gile, Rose Marie Gilligan. **Back:** Roberta Graney Collins, Audrey Hovercamp Wohl, Louise Karandy, Wilma Lyons Lakowsky, Carole McGinley Gillingham, Sibyl Magiera Tarbell, Barbara Murdock Sinclair, Elizabeth O'Leary, Marilyn Rosseti Morley, Dawn Carole Stentstrom, Shirley Sutherland Webber, Mildred Fontress Thornton, Rosalie Sonia Waskiewicz

1958 September

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Sibyl Tarbell was asked by her classmates to act as recording secretary for the class. She informs us: We had a wonderful time at homecoming this September and want to re-visit MGH and Boston next spring. We are aware that May is not the time for an alumnae event but at our age we do not want to wait too long between seeing each other...We agree that we waited too long for this reunion and that spring in Boston would be fun. **Rita Debonis** and **Sibyl Tarbell** write: Homecoming in 2007 was a great event for our small MGH class. We have 29 members on our roster and it is great to report about everyone. Twenty classmates came to our 50-year reunion celebration in Boston. **Alice Boyko, Sonia Waskiewicz Chapnick, Janet Conway Coffin, Roberta Graney Collins, Rita Debonis, Barbara Cooper Farrow, Jane Gile Ferguson, Carol McGinley Gillingham, Rose Marie Gilligan Hobson, Mildred Thornton Johnson, Louise Karandy, Wilma Lyons Lakowski, Patricia Dionne LeBlanc, Marilyn Rossetti Morley, Betty O'Leary (Keough), Margaret Anderson Sherman, Barbara Murdoch Sinclair, Sibyl Magiera Tarbell, Dawn Stenstrom Vallender, Shirley Sutherland Webber,** and **Audry Hoverkamp Wohl,** all gathered at the MGH Institute of Health Professions building in the Charlestown Navy Yard. Nearby the YMCA has the Constitution Inn where almost everyone stayed for the weekend. We want to return next May, continue to catch-up with family news and enjoy the Boston waterfront, North-end food, and to learn more about changes at MGH. **Joyce Parker Evans** sent photographs and greetings from Florida, **Linda Pratt Hegle** lives in New Haven CT and is disabled and unable to travel, **Lenore Muir Schiebler** from PA is kept home caring for an ill mate, **Joanna Weigorecki Parisi** was on a visit to her son in CA during our reunion, **Mary Santuliani Schwartz** and **Joyce Weisel** had family obligations so could not come, **Faith Waring Roebelen** sent greetings and had to attend a wedding that weekend, and **Ann Miner Wranik** had her flight canceled, from northern Florida...Briefly... **Alice** is "all about

being a grand aunt" to grandchildren she is sharing with classmate **Ann** ...**Ann** is moving into a new house in Florida... **Sonia** travels to Poland and is heavily involved with exchange students, her husband is recovering from a very serious accident...**Janet** is still with her family on Nantucket Island, Bobbie is still working in NY...**Rita** is in Berlin, NH retired from MGH and can ski all the time now...**Barbara Farrow** lives on an island in RI and winters in Port Charlotte, FL...**Jane** is busy with grandchildren and with her very ill daughter-in law... **Rosemary** has a son who is a priest, plus a daughter and grandchildren nearby... **Carol** has finished chemo and is feeling well... **Millie** invited us to stop by her place this winter at Mt. Desert Isle, ME. She summers in North Carolina...**Louise** retired from teaching special needs and now lives on Cape Cod...**Wilma** is still working, loves grand-motherhood...**Pat,** has grandchildren, and you would never guess she had surgery on her neck...**Pat** and **Shirley** have remained in touch through the years, **Shirley** is widowed and lives with an adult daughter...**Marilyn** has moved to Cape Cod and still getting used to a smaller house, has a new condo in Naples, FL...**Betty** is newly married and doing well medically...**Margaret** is a widow, still working and has a large family...**Barbara M. Sinclair** is a master gardener and works the "grow-line" in Ithaca, NY and is involved with bringing pet visits to nursing home residents... **Sibyl** is a quilter, summers in NH and winters in Cape Coral, FL. and planning to make a memory quilt to celebrate our reunion...**Dawn** lives in CA now and used to live in Chicago...**Audry** is living in CA, has family in FL and MA...**Elaine Battles Paquette** asked to be added to our March class roster, came to reunion with her daughter, she is a mother of 9 children, just retired owning and operating a family nursing home.

1959 Fall

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Hello to each of you. It has been a time filled with all the challenges that life calls us to experience. Since the last Alumnae Record we have had the loss of three of our classmates, and the gathering and reconnection of many others.

Anne Halstead Roth—The obituary was listed in the Lowell MA newspaper, The Sun. **Mrs. Anne M. (Halstead) (Powers) Roth,** R.N. of Nashua NH died Saturday, June 30, 2007 at Saints Medical Center, Lowell at the age of 68 years. She was the wife of the late William Roth. Anne was born in New York, July 19, 1938, the daughter of the late William and Mary (McClean) Halstead. She received her early education in the Newton school system graduating from Newton High School with the class of 1956. Anne matriculated at the Massachusetts General Hospital School of Nursing and received her Bachelors degree in Nursing from Franklin Pierce College in Nashua, NH. She became associated with the Brookline Hospital as assistant director of nursing. Mrs. Roth was the former Executive Director of Nursing at Willow Manor Nursing Home of Lowell for over 15 years. Later she became affiliated with Radius Norwood Nursing Home retiring in Dec 2006. She was a member of the Alumnae Association of Massachusetts General, the Board of Nursing Studies at University of Lowell, and spoke at several

conferences in New England. Mrs. Roth is survived by a loving daughter, Kimberly A. (Powers) Parker and her husband James J. of Merrimack NH; her very dear companion of 21 years, Walter E. Murphy of Nashua, NH; three grandchildren, Jake R Latif of Tyngsboro, Samantha A Parker and Jamie N. Parker of Merrimack, NH; four step-grandchildren Aleksandra, Timothy, Patrick and Emmeallia Parker of Wilmington. One brother, William C. Halstead, Sr. and his wife Christine of Pennsylvania, two nephews William C Halstead, Jr., and Mark A Halstead. She is the mother of the late Christine (Powers) Latif, R.N. The services were a strong reflection of Anne's life. Many people spoke about her deep caring for people and how she made a huge difference in all the lives she touched. She was able to hold up the possibility for so many that allowed them to accomplish goals they never thought were in their reach. She mentored many, especially health workers to achieve their dreams. Her death came suddenly and she was at first afraid that she would suffer. To the contrary, she died peacefully in her sleep during the night after being admitted to the hospital. It was a true blessing. The funeral Mass was very peaceful and was celebrated by her cousin, a priest. Readings were by her brother and another cousin, a nun. Her daughter, Kim, spoke of her mother with love, sincerity and great admiration and her brother with great appreciation of his older sister. Kim said Anne lived with the belief that life was not about what challenges were set before us, but how we handled them. **Phyllis Harvey Smith** and **Jane Marie Henrick** attended the funeral services.

Nancy Jean (Sturtevant) Bray—In June Nancy was hospitalized. When she returned home, she sent out an email. Here are a few excerpts: I was knocking on the door of the pearly gates. Everyone was working very hard but my poor old body after 9 years had had enough already, but Father Bill said it would be on His time, not mine. Kari came home from Ireland and the kids gathered. All your prayers are much too good! Thus I walked, ate and came back home. I will be going to Maine to enjoy time with Kari and her boys (which she did). The MGH hot line does work. I thank all of you. Nancy's MD Colleague wrote: **Nancy Jean Bray** died this day at 4:00 PM. I saw Nancy with her children yesterday afternoon and they were making plans for her to come home for a few days. Nancy was involved in the discussion. She received some medication for pain during the evening and night and failed to respond this morning. By 3:00 PM today it was apparent she was moribund, and she died about 4:00 PM. She made her exit like a proper MGH graduate. No fuss, done in style. Needless to say she leaves a huge hole in my life. The Obituary listed in the Boston Glove follows: Of Waltham, formerly of Lexington, MA July 21, 2007, Mother of Kari J. Kelly and her husband Sean of Dublin, Ireland, John "Jay" Bray and his wife Laura of Wilmington, MA and Suzanna L. Bray of Brookline, MA. Sister of Richard Sturtevant of Valdosta, GA, Carol Rowe of Michigan, and Josephine Digirolamo of Marshfield, MA. Nancy is also survived by 4 grandchildren, Oisin and Conor Kelly, and Katie and Sara Bray, and by many nieces and nephews. A Memorial Service was held Thursday, July 26 at the All Saints Episcopal Church, 17 Clarke St. in Belmont at 11:00am. In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to the American Cancer Society, 30 Speen St. Framingham, MA 01701. Classmates who attended the services were **Lorraine Turner Cullen, Carolyn Wortman, Jane Hartwell, Ruthie Blanford Brayton, Betty Linden Concannon, Phyllis Harvey Smith and Jane Marie Henrick, Nancy**

West Vasil's daughter, Cheryl Minor, the co-pastor of Nancy's Church and Father Bill were the main celebrants. It was a fitting celebration of Nancy's life.

Jackie Flynn Wilson—Austin, Texas Aug 15, 2007 (from Jane Hartwell) DX: ALS. I want you especially to know that Jackie passed away this afternoon, rather unexpectedly, all things considered. Frank, her husband, said she had been her usual self but was quiet and peaceful. She never changed form the Jackie we all remember from our MGH days. Funeral services were in Austin, TX. Mary Furber Raymond and I attended the burial service in Essex, MA on 9/1. It is sad to have another classmate pass away. I shall be forever grateful for my visits to Austin to see her and for the cards and letters she got from our MGH '59 classmates. It meant a lot to her.

Luncheon Gatherings: After attending **Anne Halstead Roth's** funeral service, **Phyllis Harvey Smith** and I decided it was time to start having mini-reunion gatherings and **Phyl** was gracious to offer her home. In July, **Jane Hartwell, Ruthie Brayton, Phyl** and I enjoyed a wonderful few hours together sharing memories and stories of our lives. It coincidently followed **Nancy Bray's** service. In August **Tina Chaleki, Ruthie Brayton, Lucy Baker Hofer, Margo Taylor, Eileen Blackman Williamson** and I had time sharing and enjoying our connections that began over 50 years ago. It was great to see **Lucy Baker Hofer** and **Eileen Williamson** for the first time since graduation. Each of has so much to tell about our work as nurses. I wanted to hear more and more of the incredible stories of the work we do and have done as nurses. I realize how much we know and do. Yet, we hardly reflect on the importance and meaning our work is for ourselves and for those we serve. We are an amazing group of women who all came from the foundation we received as students and graduates of the MGH School of Nursing. **Margo Johnson Taylor**—I want you all to know that I've reached the 9 month period of being disease-free. I saw my oncologist on Monday; I return in 3 months. I do not have to have a CT-Scan before seeing him next time. I am so blessed. I want to thank all of you for your love and support while I was receiving treatment last year.

I heard from **Marie Faris** recently. She says she's no good with computers, so I guess she is going to write or call me. **Jane Hartwell** sent info about the Liberty Hotel. I went on line to learn more about it. I didn't get the hotel rates, but I have a feeling it's out of our price range. Maybe we can go there for drinks at some point. I really want to see the place. One of my clubs, The Girl Friends, celebrated our chapter's 75th anniversary on Sun., Sept. 23, at Foxwoods. Another one, The Links, will be celebrating our 35th in November with our annual black-tie dinner-dance. I am taking 2 courses at SCSU: Early African-American Authors and Criminology. I'm really excited about the latter. So far, it's been very interesting. I also joined the local senior citizens club. Every time I go (they meet weekly, I go 2-3 times a month), it's like a reunion. So many people that I grew up with! They have great day trips and overnight trips.

Ruthie Blanford Brayton—Nancy Bray left us quicker than was anticipated. Another MGH sister has left us—a part of our hearts and our history. Nancy did so much for many of us and for her patients in her oncology work. I know you all grieve, as I do. Following our August luncheon: It was again so great to be with the MGH 'sisters'. **Lucy Baker Hofer** and I had an uneventful ride back, stopping off at the tax-free liquor store

over the NH border. **That Lucy!!!!!** We got to Burlington, VT in 3 hours and 40 minutes and my husband took us out for a quick dinner before **Lucy** had to drive to the ferry and get back to Chazy, NY. We don't do this often enough. Thank you all for sharing your lives, your careers, your families, and your thoughts. It is my unbiased opinion that you are a remarkable group of women! I think **Margo's** blessing for the meal said it well. Special thanks to **Phyllis** again. We have been trying to find and contact each classmate. **Ruthie** says: I just hung up from talking with **Joan Cardarelli** who is living in Florida. She is great! She works a couple of nights a week in Psychiatry and has her own town house. Two daughters, Donna and Brenda live in Massachusetts. She has one grandson in the army and two grand daughters, 12 and 13 years of age. Joan said she had a brain tumor the size of a grapefruit removed over 20 years ago and she had no residual problems. It was a meningioma, and not malignant... Her whole skull was opened and she recovered fine, except for the 3 blood transfusions which she received and the resultant Hepatitis C which is currently under control, totally asymptomatic. She had chemo for the Hepatitis C and had some difficult months. She divorced Mr. Ferrelli who is her kid's dad, and married someone when in her mid-forties. She said he "took her for all she was worth" and, thank goodness, she recovered and landed on her feet. She sounded wonderful and was delighted to hear from 'us'. She exercises, gave up smoking and is pleased to be 'slim'.

Deet-c Bailey Roma: My husband retired last year so we left for Florida in October. We did not enjoy celebrating Thanksgiving and Christmas down there away from family and friends, not to mention the weirdness of seeing reindeer and Santa outside in the warm weather. We will go down after the holidays this year. I had my second knee replacement on July 30th. It's just like new now but the rehab process is very tough. I sold my cabin on a local lake this year. That was hard because I had owned it for over 40 years and it was filled with memories of the children growing up. Just couldn't keep up with all the work. We are having fun together now that the husband has adjusted to not working (he loved it). After years of coaxing, he joined the gym with me. It should be interesting. All the children and grandchildren are well. My husband lost a brother and two lifelong friends this past year. We are in that age group. It is hard. Best wishes and many blessings to you all.

Jane Hartwell: May '07-I want to thank all of you who sent cards and notes to **Jackie;** she was more than pleased. **Mary Raymond** and I just returned from visiting her. It was a good visit, although, as you can imagine, hard to see **Jackie** so disabled. But she still has her spirit and her sense of humor. Just like the **Jackie** we all knew all those years ago. We were able to have quality time even with a short visit. As a result of **Jackie Flynn Wilson's** illness, I hear from **Margo Johnson Taylor, Dee Jakubczyk Mougin,** and **Marie Faris Arents. Marie** had twin granddaughters born to her youngest daughter this summer in Atlanta. She was there to help out. **Marie** has 12 grandchildren and has been widowed for eight years. **Mary McCarthy Perry's** husband, Wink, passed away last December. He had Parkinson's disease. She is still in Peabody. Mary and I still get together every few weeks for lunch or when she visits her son and grandchildren close by. I hear from **Marilyn Gifford Raleigh** often. She and Dave took a cross-country trip this spring and had a great time. They have 2 great granddaughters. I am well and busy with volunteering once in a while, working on my house

and its contents, which are never ending. I hope to go to Florida in November for a few days of R&R before the holidays. All my family is in NY, some in New York City and some upstate, so I have to head there. **Barbara (Bunny) Frank**—Thank you **Jane Marie.** It is hard to believe we are of the age that we are losing friends and classmates, which make getting to the 50th reunion more important. My son David Knapp was married Saturday, October 6 to Cindy Hoffman in Chicago at the Four Seasons Hotel. Attending was **Barbara Phaneuf Murphy** from our class who was my roommate as well as in my wedding (I introduced her to her husband, Bill). That makes the last of my three children to get married! My daughter Diana Ledford and husband Rick are expecting their first child in November. Lots of new beginnings here! That will make 5 grandchildren for me. Daughter Linda Mc Dermott and husband Dennis have four. Ages 8, 7, 5 and 3.We will be watching them next week as their parents head to Hawaii to celebrate their 10th wedding anniversary.

Melba Cederholm Armour: As you probably know my 91 y/o Mum had a big upper GI bleed. There were two episodes. I was standing in front of her, helping to get her into bed, when she had a second go. She was ashen, diaphoretic, and glassy eyed. I expected she was about to fall dead into my arms. She did not die. She is surviving and a bit stronger with a 6.5 hgb and a 21 hct. Her MD is amazed that she has lived. Mum is not going to the hospital!!!! I made a promise to her that whatever happened, it would be a natural passing. Mum was afraid of "those machines". Some promises made, prove difficult to keep. I have struggled with the sadness of **Nancy's** passing along with the stress of Mum's problems. I am exhausted. Stress is almost more than I can cope with. Love and hugs. Later: My Mum has actually gained some strength! She is eating better and not sleeping 80% of the day. My younger daughter and her son and daughter are here to visit for a few days. Hilary has had her fingers crossed since the event, hoping to see her Gram one more time. Her wish was granted. In fact, I think Mum may actually have recognized her!! The children are another question. Mum would respond to any child. On October 11 Mum passed away. I am sad and relieved. She had the natural passing that she wanted.

Nancy Pierce McDonough: I have had a few health issues. First was the fracture of a bone in my foot. I wore a boot and found out later that the bone did not heal right and probably won't. I could have the bone removed, but as I only have a little tenderness at the end of the day, I can live with that. I'd love to see everyone and get to sit and chat. It's wonderful that you keep everyone in touch. Thanks!

Ginnie Bates Williams: Thank you Jane, for all your hard work!

Jane Adams Watts: Here is my news from Baltimore. In addition to reading to the preschoolers at the library, I am now tutoring a second grade boy in reading. Hope I can help him! I had a cardiac catheter several weeks ago and found out that my bypasses of ten and a half years ago are all clear so the only reason I get tired at the gym is laziness! I continue to be busy with my local grandchildren- ages 13, 11 and 8. My 6 year old is in Plymouth, MA so I visit when I can. I still have my 2 dogs- can't imagine life without them. **Phyllis Harvey Smith—Phyl** is now settled comfortably in her condo in Bedford, MA. She had her teenage grandson, who lives in California visit with her for a month this summer. He has been with David and **Phyl** for many summers. **Phyl** found **Eunice Tankard Caro** who is now

living on Fripp Island in South Carolina. Her husband passed away 3 years ago and she decided to move to their vacation home permanently. **Eunice** requests to be part of our email chain. **Phyl** was the only classmate at the Homecoming Luncheon. She was reacquainted with **Mary Lou Jones Brown** who has had a most interesting life and was celebrating her 55th Reunion.

Carol French Publicover: To all my MGH classmates: Our fond farewells are becoming much more frequent as the years go by. I find that the only solace seems to be refuge in the happy memories that we have shared. Biggest hugs to everyone! **Carol** had a great birthday celebration with her great grandson which she shared with us through a picture website. Thanks Carol.

Carol Harris Wilson: I hope that you all enjoyed your get together. I continue to be plagued by health issues, but one by one they are resolving. Charlie and I had some time on our sailboat this summer, have traveled to PA to celebrate our grandson's 3rd birthday and continue to help our daughter with her ballet school. I especially enjoy working in my garden.

Betty Linden Concannon: I am very happy that you caught up with me and I thank you very much for all the hard work you do to keep our class connected! We changed our email address and were about to leave on our winter RV trip late last fall when I got quite ill with a nasty bronchitis that kept me down for weeks and we never left NH. I forgot that I needed to send you an updated email address. It was only on my way home from **Nancy Bray's** funeral that I realized why I was not receiving class email news. Our daughter Theresa lives across the street from **Nancy** and when she told me about **Nancy's** death, I actually e-mailed Anne to see if I could drive her to the funeral—I had talked with **Anne** in mid June and knew she was quite ill but did not know that she had died. All I can say is that **Anne** and **Nancy** must be having a good laugh!!! After I had sent **Anne's** e-mail, I called **Mary McCarthy Perry** and it was through her I learned of **Anne's** death. I feel so sad—**Anne** was my "roomie" and we had kept in touch quite well over the years. The day we talked she could hardly breathe—I have to keep thinking that for Anne and Nancy the difficult struggle is over and they're enjoying well-deserved peace. One other bizarre thing: I mailed a card and note to **Nancy** at New England Baptist on May 30th—It was returned to me on August 1st. New England Baptist forwarded it to an incorrect address—it was out there somewhere for 2+ months!!!!

Here's a little update on the **Concannons:** Our 7 children are all doing well and we are expecting grandchild #15 (a boy) in early November. He is our 5th grandson and is the second child for Theresa and Frank. Theresa is a special education teacher in Bedford, MA and lives in Waltham. By the way, Hannah (their 1st) was, and her brother will be, born at the MGH birthing unit. It was quite nostalgic for me to wander the halls and take in all the changes! Our son Tom received his PhD in Public Health Policy from Harvard last fall. We were able to witness his defense in September and then attend the official graduation ceremonies this June. He's been appointed an assistant professor at Tuft's Medical School and is continuing his research (emergency cardiac care) at Tuft's NEMC. Our daughter Patty (Anne was my special nurse at Patty's birth 48 years ago) has returned to school for her Master's in Nursing. She is the Assistant Nurse Manager of a high risk OB unit at the UConn hospital in Farmington, CT. Her daughter Katie (our oldest

granddaughter) graduated from The U of MD, Phi Beta Kappa, and Magna cum Laude this past spring with majors in Spanish and Latin American Studies. However, during her junior year she became an EMT and has now decided that she will become a nurse. She's looking at the MGH and Yale programs. I hope MGH wins out! This nursing thing is obviously running in our blood! Six other grandchildren are in college—Our son Jim has 4 in college this year—OUCH! Bill and I are both in very good health. We love our summers in Center Harbor, NH and enjoy our pontoon boat out on Squam Lake—there's an open invitation here for anyone who would like to visit. We're also just around the corner from Keepsake Quilting and some of you might like to do some shopping there! We plan to leave for our winter RVing trip shortly after our new grandson's birth and we will head west this year. Thank you again, Jane Marie, for catching up with me! I hope to see you soon and promise to stay in touch!

Pat Friss Newnham: We have moved to Foxdale Village in State College, only a few miles from our old house. We have only 2 bedrooms now and miss all the storage space. Our new place is tiny! My husband Bob is doing well: I have been having some diabetes complications.

Betty Ultsch Beyer: I am writing this letter with much sadness. As you know, three of my very best friends have passed away within the last four to five months. **Sharon Walls Billingham** was my original roommate at Charles Street. I have been in touch with Alison, **Sharon's** daughter, who has a beautiful little girl, Liliana. Two years ago I visited with **Anne Halstead Roth,** along with **Nancy Bray,** at Anne's home in North Ft. Myers. FL. We had such a great mini-reunion. Last June 2006, **Nancy Sturtevant Bray, Anne** and I visited with **Lorraine Turner Cullen** in Maine and had a wonderful lobster party. I've been in touch with **Nancy's** children, Kari who was here from Ireland with her two boys when **Nancy** passed away. **Nancy** had a couple of great weeks with them in Maine before this happened; Jay's wife, Laura and Suzanna. We've all had some great times and memories together and I will miss them dearly.

Vickie Hatch Webster: Life in Portland, Maine is very busy since retiring 5 years ago. Tennis, bridge, senior college, the Red Hatters and kids and grandkids keep my calendar full. Our family will be vacationing at Discovery Island and taking a cruise in Florida in November.

Jane Marie Henrick: I am completely delighted with the continuing finding of and reconnecting with our classmates. I set a goal a few years ago that by our 50th Reunion we would know about each of our classmates. This is happening! Many thanks for the help, feedback and appreciation. My life is full. My daughter had twin boys on September 26th at 33 weeks: Parker Henry at 4lbs and 2 oz and Charles Warren at 4 lbs 8 oz. They are progressing through the stages from prematurity to maturity. Parker should be home in 2-3 weeks and Charles, who still forgets to breathe occasionally, will need a few weeks longer. I have been keeping her family going as nurse, cook, housekeeper, taxi driver, childcare provider for Campbell three years old and everything else that needs to be done. I am happy to be able to provide loving support. Late August to mid-September, I was in California. First in the Central Valley where the daily temperature was 103 to 106 degrees, then to the Sacramento Valley where the temperature was only in the mid 90's, and finally in the San Francisco Bay area where it was a comfortable 70 to 80 degrees. I explored

each area, got in a lot of swimming and walking and had wonderful times with many friends. I nursed a dear friend through a severe kidney infection. She still is in amazement of my knowledge, support and skills. Of course, I am a MGH nurse. I spent a week in Quebec City and on the Ile d'Orleans finding the places my mitochondrial DNA ancestral line of women lived (daughter to mother to maternal grandmother to maternal great grandmother, and so forth.) Jeanne Roy, 11 generations ago, was the first in this line of women who came to Quebec in the early 1600's. I felt completely at home there with the people and language and met 2 distant relatives. A few days after I came home the twins were born. Life is full, interesting and very fulfilling. I am waiting for the official date for our **50th Reunion.** The Board will be making the decision soon. It will most likely be the 25th and 26th of September in 2009. Our event will be on Friday late afternoon and evening and the Alumnae Luncheon on Saturday the 26th. Our reunion will take place at MGH. Keep those dates free! I want to see you all.

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Roberta Rawson Stidham writes: I am long since removed from what is new at MGH. However, the Boston Globe keeps me informed of 2 large construction projects at the rotary circle (across from the old Phillips Drug Store). The new Charles/MGH subway station has been completed after 4 years of delays, (sounds like the big dig). The original station was constructed in the 1930s' with no accommodations for people with disabilities. The hospital was forced to encourage patients and employees to find some other way to travel. MGH invested more than 2.5 million into the new station, which is used by approximately 5,000 employees daily. I am sure most of us remember the 156-year-old Charles Street Jail. Keeping the original granite outside wall a new 298 room hotel has been constructed, named the LIBERTY. (No longer are there free board and three meals a day). One restaurant is named CLICK and one bar is called ALIBI. Wouldn't it be fun for our 50th reunion to meet here? Room rates range from $319.00 to $525.00 a night. With inflation who knows what it would be in 2010? I must be dreaming, no way can I afford to stay there. Now, I will share what news I have with you from classmates. Many of us received 2 e-mails from **Jackie L'Esperance Durshinger.** She was first looking for classmates in the general area of Thousand Oaks, CA. Secondly, she has a second home by the beach, rarely used. Anyone willing and able to come to CA is welcome to stay there. Jackie retired 2 years ago. I can picture Jackie who was so quick and efficient running a trauma center in Westlake, CA. Jackie has five children plus two of her husbands, which they raised. Her husband John, never fully recovered from heart/lung surgery. She would love to hear from anyone. The address is:

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1225 Greenfield St.
Thousand Oaks, CA 91360-3506
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Jackie and **Nancy Wheaton Merson** from Bainbridge Island, WA. traveled together to China in the spring. Highlights of the trip were the camel ride, riding a "goat skin" raft and a visit to the Panda Reserve. She sent along the best picture I ever saw of a panda eating bamboo shoots. No

doubt, **Nancy** has painted that picture. Our semi-annual luncheon of classmates was held at **Donna Sweeney Harrills'** home in Westford, MA in May. Fifteen classmates attended. We saw pictures of **Donna** and Ed's newly constructed home on the ocean in North Carolina. The home was delightfully decorated and furnished by interior decorators. The house was designed with plans to withstand a hurricane with water able to enter from the ocean and exit out the other side. **Linda Walker Housman** and her husband Ken were featured in the Boston Globe column "Where They Went". Ken took **Linda** back to Germany and Austria in June to revisit where he was stationed in the Air Force in the 1950s'. **Pat Toas Carden** and husband Chuck, had the joy of meeting their son and family in Oregon at a dude ranch. They found plenty to do without straddling a horse. **Jan Santos Ludwig** and husband Pete left in June for a 3 week trip to the west coast. They were joining another couple on a Nordic tug, (power boat), for a trip from Seattle to Victoria, BC. **Cynthia Story Mallette** and husband Harold, spent the summer sailing and living on their 30-foot sailboat that they keep in Georgetown, ME. Louise, their cat, enjoyed the summer on the water as much as they did. I underwent a total knee replacement in July. My MGH surgeon gave me the option of MGH or New England Baptist. Since I have a daughter who is a NEBH graduate, I chose to go there. (John had rather go there than MGH but hated the parking rates). The hospital is rated as the number one orthopedic hospital in the country and it lived up to its reputation. I was impressed with the restaurant style menu that allowed me to order directly to the dietary department at any time. I am fully recovered and back bike riding. We will have met at **Jan Ludwig's** new house in Middletown, RI in October after this was sent to press. **Judy Kingston Mushial** may invite us to her summer home in Scarborough, ME in May, 2008. Come join us or send some news, **PLEASE.** You send it and I will get it out.

1971: Karen Buma Dobelbower **1972:** Janice Covicchi Topp

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Massachusetts General Hospital Nurses Alumnae Association, Inc.
Application for the Felicia Kulig Fullerton or Sally Johnson Scholarship

General Requirements:

1. Active member of the Alumnae Association (paid up dues for 2 years prior to applying and for the duration of the scholarship).
2. Application must be received preferably by May 1st or prior to the course of study.
3. Scholarship to be returned if another full tuition grant is awarded.
4. Preference will be given if the degree pursued is in Nursing.
5. A copy of the course registration must be submitted before the check will be released.
6. End of the semester: passing grades must be submitted showing the completion of course.

Name of Applicant _____
(last) (first) (middle/maiden)

Present Address _____

Telephone Number/E-mail Address _____

Permanent Address (if different from above) _____

Date of Graduation from MGH or MGH Institute _____ State currently registered in ___

How long have you been an active member in the Alumnae? _____

Have you applied for or received any other scholarship assistance? _____

If so, please give sources, amounts and date received _____

Which college/university do you plan to attend? _____

Tuition needed for course or semester _____ credits _____

Attending full or part time? _____ total credits earned to date _____

Any portion of the course cost reimbursed by your employer? _____

When do you anticipate receiving your degree? _____

What degree are you working towards in Nursing? _____ other field? _____

What are your future plans in Nursing? _____

Education other than MGH or MGH Institute:

College/University Address Dates Attended Credits/Degrees

Professional Experience since Graduation from MGH or MGH Institute: Include position, full or part time, agency and dates. Attach a separate sheet if needed.

I have read the statements in this application and declare that to the best of my knowledge, they are correct.

Signature _____ **Date** _____

Public Law 9338 makes it necessary to have a signature in order to look at your school records. Signing of this application gives the committee chairperson permission to look at your MGH or MGH Institute school records, if necessary.

Rev/2002

Annabella McCrae Loan Fund Application

The loan fund is available to active members of the Alumnae Association to aid in further education in the field of nursing. A sum do not exceed $8,000 may be borrowed per lifetime. repayments are made on a monthly installment plan, due on the 10th of each month, commencing three months after completion of the program. Full details of the loan fund is available from the Alumnae Office.

Name of Applicant _____
(last) (first) (middle/maiden)

Present Address _____

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Telephone Number/E-mail Address_____

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In Memoriam

1927 Joycelyn Harris Slate May, 2007

1936 Eva M. Borrner Hardy December 16, 2006

1937 Muriel MacAfee September 1, 2007

1938 Ruth Farrisey September 24, 2007

1940 Marjory Johnston Fowler January 4, 2007

1943 Constance Warner Regli September 2007

1945 Irene Gleichaut Robinson

1947 Florence Soyka September 3, 2007

1947 Evelyn Glines Sherman

1949 Catherine Brennan July 3, 2007

1954 Janet Deaner December 2, 2006

1954 Dorothy Ann Cope Strickland June 13, 2007

1955 Frances Brown June 30, 2007

September, 1957 Marilyn Alice (Marnie) Oberbeck Connors September 28, 2007

Fall, 1959 Anne M. Halstead Powers Roth June 30, 2007

Fall, 1959 Jackie Flynn Wilson Aug 15, 2007

Vote for By-laws and Changes

This year the Board after a one day retreat has proposed some changes to the By-Laws. It was decided that to best serve the members that we would alter the approved programs for both the Loan and Scholarship funds. There was also much discussion about a vote to reduce the number of issues of The Record to one which would reach members in February (so that winter addresses would be used) and remain with two issues of Beyond the Cap but sent first class mail so that they would be forwarded to those who have two addresses.

The following is the current By-Laws and the proposed changes. Please fill in the form after the changes to approve these changes and mail it back.

Current:

ARTICLE VII
Committees

SECTION 1. There shall be eight standing committees of the Corporation:
- Communications and Publications
- Service-Hospitality
- Nominating
- Annabella McCrae Loan Fund
- Fullerton and Sally Johnson Scholarship Funds
- Bertella Tompkins Fund
- Mary Staats Educational Fund/ Program
- Heslin Estate Fund

SECTION 2. There shall be additional Special Committees that either interact with other organizations or have been formed at the discretion of the Board of Directors for specific tasks that benefit the corporation and its members. These shall include but not be limited to:
- IHP Representative
- Nursing Endowment Committee Representative
- Mentorship
- Recruitment and Retention
- Capital Campaign

SECTION 3. The Service-Hospitality Committee shall act as hostesses for meetings and programs arranged by the Program/Education Committee, remember the elderly with cards, flowers, visit sick members, and respond to "In Memoriams".

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SECTION 9. The Communication and Publication committee shall facilitate all printing done by the corporation; plan, edit, publish and distribute two issues of the **Alumnae Record** and two issues of **Beyond the Cap** annually; interact with both the printer and the mail house; review and approve all materials to be sent to the members of the corporation; and review and determine the Student Paper Award recipient for each edition of the Alumnae Record.

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Proposed changes (in Bold):

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As an Active Member or Complimentary Member of the MGH Nurses' Alumnae Association I vote to:

Approve the proposed By-Law revisions _____

Disapprove of the proposed By-Law revisions _____

Name: _____

Year of Graduation: _____

Please mail this back by March 1, 2008

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The proposed revisions will go into effect April 1st if approved by a quorum of the membership.

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